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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs,
It is my opinion that the proposed settlement is flawed.

If Microsoft is guilty of monopolistic practices, as they have been found to be, then the proposed remedy of solution amounts to nothing more than a wrist slap. Microsoft will be little inconvenienced by these measures.

I don't believe that breaking up Microsoft into different companies will help and that is not what I believe is fair.

I do believe that MS is guilty of monopolistic practices, though I also believe that virtually any company that was able to maneuver themselves into the same position, would have employed almost identical tactics. These need to be curbed to allow industry to flourish.

Microsoft is not a very innovator company, but they do update their products from customer input. They should not be allowed to kill off the smaller fish in the pond before these fish can become real competition by giving away a competing product for free. This practice doesn't allow for fair competition.

I am not sure how to fix this, but as I have stated earlier, the proposed settlement is nothing more than an ineffectual wrist slap.

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